



A gallant Knight, in search of adventures, meets on his way a young village maiden. Fascinated by her budding charms and simple grace, he offers her his troth. Bachelette hears him with cruel indifference, smiles at his passion and continues to sing her rustic song. The Knight wages his suit with renewed ardor, but neither vows of love, nor promises of fortune can conquer the scruples of the beauty, whose joyous song is heard by the Noble long after he has left the scene, and with sad and confused bearing has once more turned his palfry in the direction of the Tournament.



L'exécutant devra, dans ce morceau, s'attacher à accentuer le dessin persistant de l'accompagnement, de façon à toujours donner à l'auditeur l'idée du rythme ternaire, c'est à dire de la mesure à $\frac{3}{4}$, dans lequel il est écrit. Cette observation est d'autant plus essentielle que la mélodie, dans quelques passages, semble indiquer le rythme binaire, c'est à dire de $\frac{6}{5}$. C'est du conflit de ces deux rythmes contraires (dont l'un, comme je l'ai déjà dit, doit être subordonné à l'autre) que naît en grande partie l'effet que peut produire ce morceau, s'il est bien joué. Je recommande à l'exécutant la fidélité la plus scrupuleuse dans l'observation des signes $P \cdot f$. Rall? Dim. &c. &c.

L'auditeur, après avoir été prévenu du sujet de ce Fabliau, doit, si l'exécution en est intelligente, pouvoir suivre toutes les phases, toute l'action du petit drame amoureux que l'auteur a cherché à traduire en musique.



The performer of this piece should endeavor to emphasize the iterated design of the accompaniment, so as invariably to convey to the listener the idea of the ternary rythm = i.e. of $\frac{3}{4}$ time in which it is written. This observation is particularly essential, inasmuch as the melody, in some passages, would seem to indicate the binary rythm, or $\frac{6}{5}$ time. The effect which this piece is capable of producing, if well played, arises in a great measure, from the antagonism of these two conflicting rythms, one of which, as I have already observed, must be subordinate to the other. I would recommend to the performer, the most faithful and scrupulous observance of the signs: **P. f.** Rail? Dim. &c. &c.

After having been informed of the subject of this "Fabliau," the auditor, if it be performed in an inteligent manner, should be enabled to follow all the phases, and the entire action of the little sentimental drama, which the author has endeavored to render into music.

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INTRODUZIONE.









































